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## **MACOMB BANDS TOGETHER FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County today announced a coordinated effort to raise financial donations from residents and businesses all over the county and funnel that money directly to aid agencies helping victims of Hurricane Katrina.

All funds collected by the MACOMB TOGETHER for Hurricane Relief program will go to the Salvation Army and American Red Cross. Beginning immediately, anyone wishing to help hurricane relief efforts will be able to mail a check to a single address or drop off cash or checks at six locations throughout Macomb County.

“All of Macomb County is concerned about the agony and loss caused by Hurricane Katrina,” said Nancy White, chair of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners. “We are standing together to funnel relief in a highly coordinated way directly to where it’s needed most.”

Macomb Together is focusing on the Salvation Army and American Red Cross because they have the experience and resources to deal with a disaster of this magnitude, and their services directly assist victims and onsite support emergency personnel.

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“We have to let federal, state and local authorities do what they do best without interference, and do what we can to enable the agencies that provide the necessities of life to victims,” said Sheriff Mark Hackel. “Right now, the best assistance we can offer is to send all the money we can.”

All residents, businesses, governments, schools, teachers, parents and children are invited to donate whatever they can to this effort. Macomb Together will pass through donations from any source, regardless of whether they are Macomb County based.

“There are few times in our lives when we are challenged to respond to a disaster of this magnitude,” White said. “This is one of those times. I hope everyone responds to this challenge.”

Checks should be made out to the Salvation Army or American Red Cross. They may be mailed to:

**Macomb Together  
Mount Clemens, MI 48043**

Checks or cash also may be dropped off at any of the following locations:

- Macomb County Administration Building, 1 S. Main St., Mount Clemens
- Macomb County Sheriff’s Office, 43565 Elizabeth Road, Mount Clemens
- Freedom Hill County Park, Ralph A. Liberato Independence Hall, 15000 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights
- Macomb County Health Department, Southwest Health Clinic, 27690 Van Dyke Ave., Warren
- Macomb County Health Department, Southeast Health Clinic, 25401 Harper Ave., St. Clair Shores
- 42nd District Court I Building, 14713 33 Mile Road, Romeo

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Most of the drop-off points will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, Sept. 5. But donations can still be dropped off on Labor Day at the Sheriff's Office.

### **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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